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SUBJECT: GERMAN CONCERNS RELATIVE TO EXPANDED US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IN JAMAICA

1. GERMAN AMBASSADOR, KLAUS TIMMERMANN, ASKED ME MARCH
28 TO BRIEF HIM ON FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON'S VISIT
TO WASHINGTON, SINCE HE HAD RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION FROM
THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE PRESS HERE THAT THE US WAS GOING
TO PROVIDE A MASSIVE BAIL-OUT FOR THE MANLEY GOVERN-
MENT.

2. HE FOUND THIS HARD TO CREDIT IN VIEW OF THE CALUMNY
THAT MANLEY HAD HEAPED ON THE US, THE IMF, AND OTHER
"IMPERIALISTIC-CAPITALISTIC" INSTITUTIONS DURING THE
PAST YEAR.

3. HE SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED ON PATTERSON SINCE HIS
WASHINGTON TRIP AND ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF
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THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION REGARDING THE IMF AND
"CAPITALIST" INSTITUTIONS, WHICH CONCERNED HIM
SINCE GERMANY HAS HAD A TEAM IN JAMAICA FOR NEARLY
A YEAR INVESTIGATING SECTOR BY SECTOR THE POSSI-
BILITY OF GERMAN INVESTMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSIS-
TANCE. HE SAID THAT HE RECEIVED NO SATISFACTORY
REPLY FROM PATTERSON AND THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS

CONCERNED THE TEAM COULD JUST AS WELL GO HOME, AND HE HAD RECOMMENDED THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THE SITUATION AS I UNDERSTOOD IT AND POINTED OUT THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE PURELY PRELIMINARY, THAT THE US WAS ANXIOUS TO RESPOND TO THE JAMAICAN INITIATIVE TO THE EXTENT OF STARTING SERIOUS CONVERSATIONS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF JAMAICA'S NEEDS, BUT THAT I QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY MASSIVE, IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE SUFFICIENT IN TYPE AND QUANTITY TO SOLVE JAMAICA'S CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. I TOLD HIM THAT A CONSORTIUM-TYPE APPROACH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AND WAS BEING CONSIDERED. THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH AN APPROACH AND ASKED THAT HE AND BONN BE KEPT INFORMED AS TO US PLANS IN THE ASSISTANCE AREA.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS A VIEW THAT IS SHARED BY THE BRITISH, DUTCH, FRENCH, BELGIANS AND THE EEC RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONCERNS AND ASTONISHMENT AT WHAT APPARENTLY THEY CONSIDER EVEN MORE THAN USUAL AMERICAN NAIVETE. THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO DELAY A PLANNED MEETING OF DONORS FOR FEAR THAT IT MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY DR. NORMAN GIRVAN, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. THE UNDP IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA IN ITS PRESENT DESPERATE SITUATION. THE
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RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AGREES THAT A CONSORTIUM-APPROACH IS PROBABLY INDICATED.
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